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Thank you for taking the time to read our weekly newsletter. Every Friday afternoon at 1:30 pm, we distribute this publication to provide updates on past and future events throughout our council district. Please encourage your neighbors to sign up for the Go Fourth! Friday newsletter by contacting us at: district4@longbeach.gov.



- Councilman Daryl Supernaw

Past Events

Orizaba Park Playground Bridge Repaired

Thanks to the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department for their quick work on the Orizaba Park Playground Bridge. Neighbors had alerted us to the fact that extruded plastic parts of the bridge had broken. PRM was able to repair broken pieces with replacement parts from the manufacturer. Great work PRM! Thanks, also, to the area neighbors for reporting the damage to our office.





Bridge Over the Creek Bouton

The City has recently installed a locking gate on the Elmfield Pedestrian Bridge located south of Atherton and west of Bouton Creek Park. Beginning today, February 14th, the gate is scheduled to be locked to allow access for area residents only. A code has been programmed for use by area residents. To gain access, simply press in the code on the gate's key pad and turn the handle. Signage is installed on the gate with a phone number to call and retrieve the gate code at any time, 24/7. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Third District Council Office at (562) 570-6300 or by email at: District3@longbeach.gov.





Proposed El Dorado Park Concessions

Our office received a number of calls and emails regarding the proposed concessions in the 5th council district area of El Dorado Park. Below is the official response from the Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Marine:

El Dorado Regional Park Concession Update

UPDATE: There's some misinformation circulating about the possibility for concessions at El Dorado Regional Park. To clear some things up, Long Beach City is committed to preserving El Dorado Park green spaces. We're looking to activate existing

underutilized park facilities. The City of Long Beach Economic Development department is assisting with the search to provide options for our park-goers by using those underutilized spaces for food and beverage concessions. Any consideration of alcohol sales in the park still requires a special event permit. The City has asked for vendor proposals to utilize the small existing spaces, and though it is early in the process, any recommendation from staff would go to City Council for review and consideration, and the item would be open to public comment.

Upcoming Events

Clark Avenue Sewer Construction Project

Expect periodic traffic delays today as construction crews place K-rails down the center of Clark Avenue between Atherton and Stearns. This is in preparation for a sewer rehab project by the Los Angeles County Sanitation District. The project is expected to take place over the next two months. Questions about the project can be directed to Construction Inspector, Chris Dobbert at: christopherdobbert@lacsd.org



Junior Mentors Needed for 4GIRLS Workshop

February 21st | Junior Mentor application deadline

The 2020 4GIRLS Long Beach Workshop is scheduled for March 21-22, and it will be held at Browning High School in the 4th council district. 4GIRLS has been providing Impactful workshops (at no cost) for middle school girls for the last 10 years, and it has been a 100% volunteer endeavor. High school "Junior Mentors" are needed to serve in a leadership capacity at the workshop. Check the <u>attached flyer</u> for additional information and the Junior Mentor application that is due next Friday.



President's Day Closures

February 17th | All Day | Citywide

In observance of President's Day, the City of Long Beach offices and services will adhere to the following schedule on Monday, February 17th. Closures include Animal Care Services, City Hall, El Dorado Nature Center, libraries and street sweeping. Refuse and recycling collection WILL occur on their regular schedules. Parking meters with holiday exemptions will NOT be enforced. Visit this link for a full list of closures.



Next on Council Agenda February 18th | 5 PM | 411 W. Ocean Blvd

The City Council meeting will start at 5 pm in the Bob Foster Civic Chambers on the ground floor of City Hall, located at 411 W. Ocean Blvd. City council meetings are broadcast live online



and are also available on Channel 3 for Charter cable subscribers and Channel 21 for FIOS subscribers. The entire agenda can be found here. To see the schedule and agenda for all upcoming city meetings, click here.

Free Tax Return Preparation by CSULB Students

Now thru March 27th | 1250 Bellflower Blvd.

Have you heard of the VITA program? Every year, certified English and Spanish speaking CSULB student volunteers provide free income tax return preparation for taxpayers with an income level of \$54,000 or less. The event runs through March 27.

More information is available at this link.



LBPL Mobile Studio at Brewitt Library

February 20th | 3:30 pm - 5 pm | 4036 E. Anaheim St.



Come learn about cool mechanisms and create your own! We bring the supplies, and you bring your imagination.

Pyramid Added to Vote Center Locations

Feb 22 - March 3rd | Various Locations

The new voting period will provide 11-day and 4-day vote centers, and they will open starting February 22nd and February 29th, respectively. We'll provide a list of all locations in next weeks newsletter, and that will include the CSULB Pyramid. All vote centers will be open from 7 am to 8 pm on Election Day, March 3rd. Voters will be able to cast their ballot at any vote center countywide.



Volunteers Needed for WESCA Clean Up!

February 22nd | 8 am - 12 pm | 14th & Orizaba Ave.

The West East Side Community Association (WESCA) will be hosting their monthly neighborhood clean up. Volunteers are needed to work from 8:00 am to noon especially those with pick up trucks. Please come out and help make the neighborhood look



great. Tools and supplies will be provided. They are also accepting tires and electronic waste (anything with a cord). Go Fourth!

Long Beach Little League Opening Day

February 22nd | 11 am | 4520 E. 23rd Street

Long Beach Little League's Opening Day is Saturday, February 22nd at Stearns Champions Park. The opening ceremonies are scheduled to begin at 11 am. Again, this year, I'll have the honor of speaking at the event on the field where I once played.



Please feel free to attend and cheer on the kids as they start their season! For more information please visit the LBLL <u>website</u>.

Long Beach Pony League Opening Day

February 23rd | 12:45 pm | 5620 E. Atherton

Long Beach Pony Baseball's Opening Day Ceremony will take place Sunday, February 23rd at Whaley Park. The scheduled time of 12:45 pm is approximate because it will take place following the first game of the day. We're excited to debut the improvements including a new snack shack and refurbished restrooms. For more information, please visit the LBPB website.



Beach Streets Community Meeting

February 26th | 6:30 pm | 5620 E. Atherton St.

Special Events will be hosting a community meeting on Beach Streets University. Beach Streets is an Open Streets event designed to showcase businesses & neighborhoods. For a single day, the city will close a major traffic corridor to cars & open the street to people walking & bicycling. The community meeting will



take place on Wednesday, February 26th at Whaley Park at 6:30 pm. Beach Streets University will take place on Saturday, March 21st from 10 am - 4 pm. More information is available online.

1st Annual Youth Poet Laureate Program

February 27th | 5:00 - 6:45 pm | 5614 Britton Dr.

The Long Beach Public Library and the Arts Council for Long Beach are launching a new Long Beach Youth Poet Laureate (LBYPL) program to serve Long Beach youth with year-round literary arts, civic engagement and performance opportunities. A Laureate and a cohort of Poet Ambassadors will be selected to serve as representatives for literacy, arts and youth expression



with ongoing opportunities for performances, mentor-ship and other projects. Additionally, the Laureate and Poet Ambassadors will each receive a scholarship to further their education. An orientation workshop will be held at the Los Altos Library on February 27th. Check the LBUSD flyer at this <u>link</u> for additional information.

And Finally

Shop Local - Valentine's Day in District Four

Krispy Kreme Valentines Day Specials Through February 14th | 5:30 am - 10 pm | 4760 E. Los Coyotes Diagonal

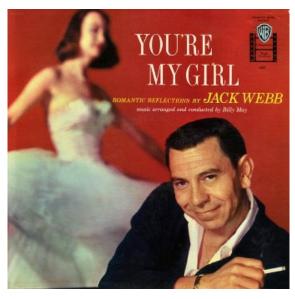




See's Candies "In-Shop Only" Valentine's Day Special Through February 14th | 10 am - 6 pm | 2129 Bellflower

There is only one See's Candies in Long Beach, and it's located in CD4. Therefore, your "in-shop only" special is only available in the 4th district. Pick up all your Valentine's gifts with a See's Candies <u>coupon</u> for \$5 off \$40 in shops.





Calendar of Upcoming Events

- 2/16 Yoga, 11 am, El Dorado Nature Center
- **2/18 Writer's Workshop**, 4:30 pm, Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
- 2/18 City Council Meeting, 5 pm, City Hall, 411 W. Ocean Blvd.
- **2/20 Coloring for Adults**, 3 pm, Los Altos Library, 5614 Britton
- **2/20 Cardboard Constructors: Linkages**, Brewitt Library, 4036 Anaheim St.
- **2/20 Audubon Meeting**, 7 pm, El Dorado Nature Center
- 2/21 Toddler Storytime, 10 am, Los Altos Library, 5614 Britton
- **2/21 Toddler Storytime & Playtime**, 10:30 am, Brewitt Library, 4036 Anaheim St.
- 2/21 Pre-school Storytime, 11 am, Los Altos Library, 5614 Britton

2/22 - BARK Dogs, 11:30 am, Los Altos Library, 5614 Britton

2/22 - Shakespeare Aloud, 1 pm, Los Altos Library, 5614 Britton

2/23 - Yoga, 11 am, El Dorado Nature Center

2/26 - Tales and Trails: Ducks, 10 am, El Dorado Nature Center

2/27 - Coloring for Adults, 3 pm, Los Altos Library, 5614 Britton

2/27 - Cardboard Constructors: Paper Circuits, Brewitt Library, 4036 Anaheim St.

2/28 - Toddler Storytime, 10 am, Los Altos Library, 5614 Britton

2/28 - Toddler Storytime & Playtime, 10:30 am, Brewitt Library, 4036 Anaheim St.

2/28 - Pre-school Storytime, 11 am, Los Altos Library, 5614 Britton

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